

Table 1. Mean comparisons between gender, specialty type, and provider type

Measure	All ¹	Males	Females	Psychiatry	Other	MD/DO	Other
Exogenous Measures							
Age (y)	50.52 (12.90)	52.65 ^a (13.78)	48.65 ^b (11.79)	52.56 ^a (13.78)	48.83 ^b (11.87)	50.67 ^a (13.40)	50.05 ^a (11.21)
# providers in practice	2.30 (1.52)	2.34 ^a (1.53)	23.32 ^a (1.52)	2.16 ^a (1.48)	2.42 ^b (1.53)	2.37 ^a (1.56)	2.06 ^b (1.36)
Practice load	3.76 (1.44)	3.87 ^a (1.43)	3.72 ^a (1.42)	3.61 ^a (1.40)	3.88 ^b (1.45)	3.78 ^a (1.43)	3.70 ^a (1.45)
Burden Risk Index ²	1.32 (1.17)	1.34 ^a (1.15)	1.32 ^a (1.17)	0.99 ^a (1.09)	1.59 ^b (1.16)	1.33 ^a (1.19)	1.29 ^a (1.11)
# medication PAs	2.31 (1.11)	2.41 ^a (1.18)	2.22 ^b (1.05)	2.18 ^a (0.97)	2.41 ^b (1.20)	2.33 ^a (1.13)	2.22 ^a (1.04)
Hours/week doing PAs	1.23 (0.61)	1.26 ^a (0.62)	1.22 ^a (0.60)	1.15 ^a (0.43)	1.30 ^b (0.71)	1.25 ^a (0.64)	1.17 ^b (0.48)
Waiting time for PAs	4.71 (1.59)	4.61 ^a (1.57)	4.77 ^a (1.61)	4.46 ^a (1.55)	4.92 ^b (1.58)	4.70 ^a (1.60)	4.73 ^a (1.54)
Length of time complete PAs	2.35 (1.68)	2.25 ^a (1.63)	2.43 ^a (1.73)	1.97 ^a (1.56)	2.66 ^b (1.72)	2.37 ^a (1.70)	2.29 ^a (1.62)
% denied PAs that are then approved	3.13 (1.53)	3.10 ^a (1.54)	3.13 ^a (1.51)	3.20 ^a (1.58)	3.08 ^a (1.49)	3.17 ^a (1.54)	3.01 ^a (1.50)
Challenge identifying proper step therapy	2.93 (1.15)	2.99 ^a (1.15)	2.86 ^a (1.13)	2.88 ^a (1.15)	2.96 ^a (1.15)	2.99 ^a (1.17)	2.72 ^b (1.04)
Payer requirements	— ³ (0.90)	-0.04 ^a (0.91)	0.04 ^a (0.90)	-0.02 ^a (0.92)	0.01 ^a (0.90)	-0.01 ^a (0.92)	0.02 ^a (0.86)
Payer communication	— ³ (0.92)	-0.03 ^a (0.92)	0.02 ^a (0.92)	-0.13 ^a (0.93)	0.10 ^b (0.91)	-0.01 ^a (0.95)	0.05 ^a (0.84)
Endogenous/ Outcomes Measures							
% cases prescribe different medication	2.92 (1.37)	2.95 ^a (1.38)	2.92 ^a (1.36)	2.72 ^a (1.37)	3.08 ^b (1.35)	2.89 ^a (1.38)	3.01 ^a (1.33)
Frequency avoiding newer medication	3.19 (1.14)	3.16 ^a (1.20)	3.20 ^a (1.09)	3.28 ^a (1.17)	3.11 ^b (1.11)	3.17 ^a (1.15)	3.25 ^a (1.10)
Frequency modified diagnosis	1.95 (0.98)	1.97 ^a (1.03)	1.92 ^a (0.94)	1.89 ^a (0.96)	2.00 ^b (1.00)	1.95 ^a (1.00)	1.95 ^a (0.95)

Notes: ¹ Standard deviation in parentheses. ² Unit-weighted risk index with 4 elements ranging from 0 to 4. ³ Not applicable as this was a weighted factor score. Means with different superscripts (a and b) in adjacent columns are significantly different $p < .05$ (i.e., Male vs. Female, Psychiatry vs. Other, and MD/DO vs. Other).